SOLE COLLEGE C The Great Clean Sweep Sale Began This Morning With a Rush!

A Radical Clearance of \$250,000 Worth of High Class Merchandise Inaugurated Today at the Hecht Stores—Prices Down to a Mere Fraction of Usual Figures!

Two all-important considerations make absolutely necessary and imperative the quick and radical closing out of stocks in every department and every line—the necessity for giving up our main store to the builders and the determination to stock every department in the enlarged establishment with brand-new merchandise. Those are the reasons behind this

UNPARALLELED SACRIFICE OF EVERY PENNY'S WORTH OF GOODS IN THE HOUSE.

It is to be a sale that will place before the people of Washington an almost limitless stock of the season's choicest and most desirable merchandise at prices which, in all the value-giving and the underpricing which have crowded stores and brought crowds of buyers, have never been equaled. The one and only consideration is to reduce, reduce, reduce—all else gives place to the imperative and peremptory need for clearance—profits and margins are entirely out of the question. Let the loss be what it may, the goods must and will be sold, and sold quickly. Such a story of saving—such an all-including sacrifice—will stand at the head of the list of the greatest store events ever announced by any store, in Washington or elsewhere.

\$1.98 For Shirt Waist Suits Worth \$7.50.

Without question, the most surprising offering in the great forced clearance is this lot of nearly 500 beautiful Shirt Waist Suits that are to be placed on sale tomorrow morning at \$1.98. Any woman would say at a glance that \$7.50 is a small price for suits of such high quality.

These beautiful Shirt Walst Suits are made of the finest and sheerest white India Linon. The waists are exquisitely designed, with beautiful applique embroidery of Irish point, with lace inserting in floral designs. Yoke is finely tucked both back and front. Made with full pouch sleeves and cuffs prettily pin tucked. Newest tucked stock collar and tie. The skirts are made full and are very stylishly designed, with gores finely hemstitched; bottom is made with full-flare flounce and double rows of hemstitching in festoon pattern.

\$18 and \$20 Silk Shirt Waist Suits, \$8.98.

1 or Tuesday another big sensation will be created by the selling of \$18 and \$20 Summer Silk Tallor-made Shirt Waist Dresses at \$8.98 each. Green, blue, black and red taffeta; handsomely designed and trimmed. Cool, high-quality foulards, in light grounds, with black and blue dots. Elegant quality plain black and blue taffeta silk suits, prettily designed, with green and red tailor stitching. Striped taffeta in blue, green and red tones; waists have wide pleats, with piped edges of plain color silk; pretty crocheted buttons; new French sleeves; the skirts have deep flare flounce headed by plain silk piping.

\$2.98 For \$10 and \$12 Shirt Waist Suits.

Under ordinary circumstances not a suit in this lot of several hundred would sell for a penny less than \$10, many of them have sold at \$12. But the clearance is to know no exceptions, and the ridiculously small price of \$2.98 is named for the quick selling of these exquisite examples in warm weather costumes.

There are exquisite styles in sheerest India Linons, Linen Ducks, Fancy Piques, Blue and Gray Mercerized Chambrays, etc. Some have panels of finest Cluny lace inserting on waist and skirt; some are beautifully hand-embroidered with silk, in dot and herringbone effects; elaborate designs in pleats and tucks; some are trimmed in finest embroideries; walsts have double rows of large pearl buttons; skirts are made in the newest and most stylish tunic effect, with seven gores, and all are handsomely and elaborately designed, with a profusion of pleats, tucks and stitched bias folds.

\$3.98 Black Taffeta Waists, \$1.98.

A limited number of extra nice quality and very desirable Black Taffeta Silk Waists from a lot of 20 dozen, balance of which sold at \$3.98 and \$4.98. They are handsomely made and a wonderful special offering at \$1.98, instead of their real

\$3.98 Foulard Silk Waists, \$1.98.

There will be a rush for these very popular and desirable Foulard Silk Waists at the marvelous price of \$1.98; \$3.98 and more are the values. They are in a variety of dot and tasteful figure effects; various colors and patterns.

Marvelous Reductions in Skirts.

A lot of extra good quality Black Duck Skirts; white dots; prettily designed with bands of stitched white braid; \$1.98 value, astonishingly priced at 49c.

At 99c. Lot of several dozens of very desirable Wash Skirts, including Fine Ducks, etc.; skirts in the lot sold as high as \$3.98. Sale

Fine Black and Blue Brilliantine Dress Skirts; nothing so At \$1.49 Fine Black and Blue Brillianune Dress Skirts, nothing so desirable; bottom finished with rows of tailor stitching: \$2.98 is the usual price; for the Clean Sweep Sale, \$1.49.

At \$1.49 Lot of extra good quality Black Duck Dress Skirts in the ring-dot effects; stylishly tailor stitched in rows; regularly sold at \$2.98; Clean Sweep Price, \$1.49.

At \$1.98 Lot of Dress Skirts selling as high as \$4.49; all extra good qualities and very stylish; black and blue; on a display table marked to sell at the Clean Sweep Price of \$1.98 for choice.

At \$1.98 Lot of natty and stylish mixed Gray Walking Skirts in the summer weights; skirts that sell regularly as high as \$3.98; all tailored in a high-class manner; and a big bargain at \$1.98. Fine Quality Walking Skirts, in blue, black and Oxford; At \$2.98 beautifully designed, with straps and pearl buttons; very stylish, and just the right weight; regular \$5.98 value; special Clean Sweep Price, \$2.98. Lot of several dozens of fine grade and very desirable Eta-

At \$2.98 mine Skirts, handsomely trimmed with taffeta bands; splendidly tailored; sold always at \$4.98. At \$3.98 Lot of finely tailored and very handsome and stallor stitched; regularly \$6.98; the Clean Sweep brings the price

down to \$3.98.

At \$3.98

Very stylish and fine quality Gray Homespun Walking Skirts with gores, double strapped and bottom elaborately stitched in rows; very high grade; \$6.98 value; in the sale at \$3.98.

Lot of finely tailored and very handsome and stylish bril-

98c. For Elegant White Waists Selling Up to \$2.50. One of the strongest leaders in the entire Clean Sweep Sale

and one of the most attractive and meritorious offerings ever made by any store is this sale of the Fine White Waists that have always brought as high as \$2.50, for 98c. They're not the cheaply made waists in any respect. The materials include finest and sheerest white India linon and batiste. The styles are too numerous and varied to describe in detail-beautiful lace and embroidery trimmed waists; exquisite patterns in fagot stitching, embroidery and lace inserting; hemstitching and tucks; very stylish black and white waists. 98c. would not pay for the ex-

quisite trimmings on many of these beautiful waists. Do not delay coming if you wish best choice.

49c. For Waists Selling Up to \$1.49.

A special lot of Colored Waists in many attractive styles and kinds; not every size in the lot; made of madras, chambrays, ginghams, etc. These waists have always sold as high as \$1.49; for the Clean Sweep specially reduced to 49c.

Window and Door Screens.

Hardwood Window Screens, 30-inch size; best grade wire fabric; 33c.

18-inch Hardwood Window 121/2c. 24-inch Hardwood Window 171/2c.

Traveling Requisites.

Substantially-made, Canvas-covered Trunks; very \$2.49

Duck - covered Trunks; have two straps; brass trimmings; worth up to \$8.

Strong and well-made Suit Cases, with full steel frame; the kind always sold at \$1.60; \$1.19

The Clean Sweep Sale in the Boys' Clothing. or Blouse Wash Suits, made of good quality materials; 10 Boys' Striped Galatea Sailor Blouse Suits; prettily embroidered shield

Boys' Sailor Blouse Wash Suits, made of good quality materials; strongly sewed and very serviceable; there are all sizes. Clean Sweep 10c.

Boys' Finest All-linen Russian Blouse Wash Suits; natural linen; tastefully embroidered; all high qualities and very dressy; regular price OOC. always \$3. Sale Price..... Boys' Fine Quality Blue Serge Double-breasted Suits; splendidly \$2.49 tailored; there are all sizes; never sold under \$5. For the Clean Sweep.

Boys' Elegant Quality Sailor Blouse Suits, in finest homespuns, sold, crashes and fancy cheviots; beautifully trimmed with silk \$2.98 braid; very stylish; sell high as \$6..... Boys' Summer-weight Blue Flannel Sailor Blouse Suits; nicely trimed with red and white braid; sizes 3, 4 and 5 years; never sold under 40c.

Boys' Sailor Blouse Washable Suits; nicely trimmed with braid and of extra good wearing quality; all sizes; suits worth and sold at 98c. and 30c.

Boys' Very Stylish Russian Blouse Washable Suits, with deep sallor sollar; nicely embroidered; made of good quality Galatea cloth. Sale Boys' Very Stylish Russian Blouse Washable Suits, with deep saflor

Boys' Fine Chambray, Natural Linen and Galatea Wash Suits; sair blouse style; stylishly braided and embroidered; extra good quality;

braid; nicely embroidered shield; sizes from 3 to 7 years; suits always sold at \$3.50; Sale Price.... Boys' Summer-weight Double-breasted Suits; all extra good qualitles; in many styles; all sizes; suits always sold at \$4; for the \$1.88 Clean Sweep.....

for the Clean Sweep Sale.....

Boys' Pure Linen Knee Pants.... 29c.

Boys' Striped Galatea Sanor Blouse Suits; prettily emoroideted shield and trimmed with braid; all good wearing and fast color qualities; for 49c.

Sale Price..... Boys' Sailor Blouse Suits of Blue Serge, trimmed with fine silk

Boys' Double-breasted Suits, selling regularly at \$5; fine grade fancy cassimeres and fancy cheviots; all sizes; the lightweights; for \$2.48

Boys' Wool Knee Pants...... 19c.

Boys' Blue Serge Knee Pants.... 29c. Boys' Fine Laundered Waists..... 39c. Boys' All-wool Knee Pants; 75c. value 39c.

Dress Goods

Sacrificed as Never Before.

978c. Will buy All-silk Pleated Chiffons; castor, golden and gray; value, 50c.

101/2c. Will buy 40-inch Imported White Swiss; very fine and desirable; worth 19c.

29c. Will buy Ready-made Bleached Bed Sheets, hemmed and handtorn; free from dressing; size 51x9;

121/2c. Will buy Black and White Checked Mercerized Satine; regular price, 19c.

15c. Will buy White Organdie, 68 inches wide; the quality that usually sells at 29c,

18c. Will buy Corded, Striped and Checked Wash Silks; regular value, 50c. yard.

19c. Will buy Black Albatross; full 36 inches wide; usually sells at

25c. Will buy Black and Blue Brilliantines; full 36 inches wide; 39c. value

121/2c. Will buy Bleached Turkish Bath Towels; large size; 19c. value.

576c. Will buy Galatea Cloth and Plain and Striped Dress Ging-

hams; 10c. and 124c. values. 79c. Will buy Yard-wide Black Taf-feta; guaranteed quality; \$1.30

value. 39c. Will buy 72-inch Silver Bleach-ed Table Damask; worth 59c.

yard. 57%c. Will buy Unbleached Turkish Towels; large size; fringed;

10c. value. 21/2c. Will buy Fine and Soft Un-bleached Muslin; quality always sold at 5c. yard.

676c. Will buy Yard-wide Figured Percales and Soft Mercerized

Ducks; 12%c. value. 376c. Will buy Figured Lawns and linen ground lawns.

478c. Will buy Bleached Readyworth and sold at 10c.

278c. Will buy White Twilled Tea. Toweling; the quality sold at 5c. yard always.

576c. Will buy Bleached Muslin; 36 inches wide; free from dressing; worth 812c.

Sale Specials.

Cream Curtain Scrim, 36 inches wide; worth 5c. yard; 176C. 10 yards to a customer....

Hammocks; closely woven, with deep fringed valance; with pillow and spreader; 79c. White Bedspreads; good size: pretty patterns; worth 60c.; 2 47c

Mexican Grass Rugs, in pretty colors; cool and pretty; 29c. worth 60c..... Heavy Stair or Runner Oil-

Heavy Stair of Running Cloth; remnants; pretty styles and colors; worth 8c. 278c. Best quality 5-4 Colored Table Oilcloth; remnants; pretty styles and colors; worth 20c. 7 LC.

Best quality Mosquito Netting, in several colors; 478C.

Remnants of Drapery, in-Art Draperies; worth up to 578c.

White Applique Centerpleces and Table Covers; worth 25c.; two to a customer..... 71/2c.

Mattings in the Sale.

The Clean Sweep Clearance brings the chance to buy Mattings at greatly less than usual figures-in fact, below cost in every case.



Good quality China Matting, in neat designs and colorings; Heavy China Matting, in neat check and plaid designs, slightly imperfect; worth 25c. 1378c.

And All the Credit

You Wish. If you have an account with

us every purchase will gladly be

charged. If you have not-

you're perfectly welcome to open an account, buy all you

wish, and pay in small amounts

later on when the summer vaca-

tions are over and demands for cash are not so great. It's the

most liberal and helpful plan in

the world-more than 100,000

who have tested it say so.

Extra Heavy Quality China and Japan Mattings; very slightly imperfect; sell as 17 2 c. Pretty China Matting Mats; neat and pretty colors 278C.

and patterns..... Extra Heavy Floor Oilcloth, in several styles; worth and sells at 35c. 1578c.

Kimonas and Wrappers in the Clearance at About Half.

Few women will resist the temptation to come directly to this Wrapper Department tomorrow morning, for such out of the ordinary offerings as make up the news from this department will appeal to every woman. Don't miss these-

Extra good quality Wrappers; the kinds that always sell at \$1; made of cool, washable batistes; all are in the newest patterns and of superior make through-out; the most desirable colors; light and dark, including black and gray; shoulder bretelles; prettily trimmed; deep ruffled flounce on bottom; choice from these \$1

Wrappers, at.....

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An exceptionally attractive sacrifice sale of Women's new and daintily made sale of Women's new and daintify made Short Kimonas, in good quality fancy figured lawns, with plain white borders; good quality materials; excellently made; all sizes. Although costing much more, these very convenient and useful Kimonas are to be no exception to the close-out rule. Take your choice 29C.

An important and unusual offering of Women's extra nice quality Short Ki-monas at 59c.; the kind sold always and readily at \$1. They are made of finest grade batistes and sheerest lawns; prettily designed, with wide, plain-color bor-ders; new flowing sleeves. They're as dainty and pretty as any woman would want. \$1 is the price they're worth; 59c. for the sale.....

Women's Long Kimonas and Negliges; made of finest quality batistes, lawns, India linons, etc.; with the new flowing sleeves and fancy borders; wide collars; all the newest and dainall the newest and daintlest patterns; they are the regular \$3 values. For the Clean Sweep Sale.....

A Rush for the Shirts in the Big Annual Sale.

Crowds of men came for the shirts in the big yearly sale, for it has come to be an event looked forward to by thousands. This great annual Shirt Sale comes at the time of the extraordinary Clean Sweep Clearance, providing another drawing card, another irresistible incentive to attract the greatest crowds of the year. Many hundreds of men will remember the past years' sales of the maker's sample lines and remaining stock of Neglige Shirts as the season's greatest and best opportunity to secure high-grade and finest quality shirts at much below their worth. Every year these shirts come to us by special agreement, our promise being exacted not to advertise the name of the shirt, the makers removing the name label. This is rendered necessary by the fact that this world-famous brand of shirts is sold by many of the high-class haberdashers of Washington at prices which are NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES REDUCED.

There are about 1,100 dozen of these elegant Shirts in the lot which goes on sale tomorrow morning. They are made of the finest quality madras, soft and comfortable. There are plain bosoms, pleated bosoms, hemstitched bosoms and embroidered bosoms. Some have cuffs attached; some with cuffs detached. The department would be crowded to overflowing in a jiffy were we to advertise the world-known name of these shirts-but the quality's there if the name isn't. Grades selling up to \$2.50 make up this remarkable shirt purchase-but we've divided them into two great subdivisions at these prices:

Values up to \$1.50 - . 59C. | Values up to \$2.50 - . 79C.

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GOES TO DENVER NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF

THE EPWONTH LEAGUE.

The latest and

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season's styles

are included

in this elegant collection of

Waists. Hundreds of pat-

terns to choose from.

Last Day at Detroit Marked by Well-Attended and Enthusiastic

Meetings.

A dispatch from Detroit, Mich., last night says: With seven meetings tonight, all splendidly attended, the sixth international convention of the Epworth League, which Dr. J. F. Berry and other officers of the league say has been the greatest and most successful in the league's history, came to a close. Denver was this afternoon decided upon for the next convention. The resolutions committee, which has jurisdiction over the meeting place, met yesterday and heard representations from delegations from several cities, including Minneapolis, Saratoga Springs and Denver, and decided to refer the selection to a subcommittee The pressure of the Denver delegation, which has done strenuous work to capture the next convention, was so strong, how-ever, that today the committee recalled

the matter from the subcommittee and de-cided in favor of Denver. The same programme was followed at all of the meetings tonight. Addresses were made on three subjects, "Christ, Our King," His Conquering Kingdom." and "My Place in the Army," followed by a "waiting hour" for the descent of the Holy Spirit. The official resolutions of the convention

were also adopted by each meeting. They were as follows:

The young Methodism of North America, as represented in this convention of more than 20,000 delegates, reflects the spirit and

voices the sentiment of two millions of Epworthians.

Our deliberations have known no differences. Our intercourse is a delight. Disvoices the sentiment of two millions of Ep-

tance and national boundaries are inciden-We each love our country, our rulers, and our flag; yet we are so made one in Christ that all several interests merge into His kingdom and all souls blend in common We rejoice in the continued growth and

increasing usefulness of the young people's societies of the churches. We are grateful to Almghty God for the marvelous successes which have come to the Epworth League since the last international convention at San Francisco. The experience of the years gives increasing evidence of the adaptation of the plans of the Epworth League to the spirit and polity of Method-As in the past we stand for the broadest

Christian fraternity. We hall with special satisfaction every opportunity for practical co-operation with our young people's socie-ties in Christian ministry and service. The Epworth League is not merely a young people's movement; neither is it to be looked upon as a separate department of the church. It aims to be an embodiment of all the activities of our church, a complete manifestation of the spirit of our

common Methodism. First in importance among questions claiming our attention we place the systematic and devout study of the Scriptures both for our spiritual growth and to give fitness for soul-winning. We consider ourselves called to the work of personal evangelism, and we enjoin all our members to enter the fields now white for harvest. We stand for a present, abundant and a conscious salvation as essential to that power of witness-ing which wins men. We thus send out to the young hosts of our united Methodism this appeal for prayer-a holy waiting at the morning watch, a pleading of the prom-ises of the open hook for a revival which

tury and to the world. Epworth Leaguers, let us to our kneed that we may wield the Spirit's blade. To us, as to the young people of no other age, comes the trumpet call, "Go ye into all the world," and go we must, for, lifting up our eyes, we behold in many lands gospel opportunities rapidly becoming gos-

mean to the twentieth century what the re-

vival of Wesley was to the eighteenth cen-

the world may be evangelized in our gen-The gigantic iniquity of the anglo-Saxon

disenfranchisement of the business will abolish dangers that threaten us and clear up problems that perplex us.

This whole evil organization is a fountain of iniquity whose streams poison wherever they flow. It has no redeeming feature. It is an environment of perdition, hence we set our faces against this enemy of God, and will give it no quarter in social life, in politics—in fact, nowhere—until it is relegated to its own place.

race is a fostering of the monstrous traffic in intoxicants. We believe the complete

We regard the Christian Sabbath as the bulwark of defense for our Christian institutions. To desecrate the Sabbath endan gers everything of importance to the church of God. We recognize ourselves as stewards of God's estate. We urge upon all our members such an administration of that estate as those who expect to give an account.

The calls of the kingdom are mandatory and definite. Hence, we acknowledge our-selves bound by the law of systematic and proportionate giving.

We are citizens and patriots as well as Christians. Hence we record ourselves as upholders of law and order always and everywhere as against all lawlessness and

unlawful violence.

The greatest crowd that has congregated in Tent Ontario during the convention was present tonight. The 5.00 seats were ocpresent tonight. The 5.500 seats were occupied and at least 2.000 more people were standing about the edges of the tent. Dr. J. M. Buckley of New York was the first speaker, discussing "Christ Our King."

Dr. Buckley urged more reverence in worship. He said: "Lack of reverence makes many revisels mere hyperence. makes many revivals mere hypnotic farces." Dr. Buckley then spoke of Dr. Shelton, author of "In His Steps" and other books, and said that they were interesting, but "kindergarten books three times

great army, place at His instant disposal sided over by B. F. Diedendorf of Cana-our means, our service and ourselves, that joharie, N. Y. There were 3,500 men present and their voices swelling forth in "On-ward, Christian Soldiers," the battle hymn of the Epworth League, was one of the grandest of the convention. Rev. George Stuart of Cleveland, Tenn., stirred the gathering to a high pitch of enthusiasn with his exhortations, interspersed with anecdotes and stories.

> CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS. Information Contained in the Commis-

sion's Manual Just Issued. The revised edition of the manual of examinations of the civil service commission has been issued by the commission within the past week for the information

of those who may desire to take examina-

tions during the coming year.

The manual is revised semi-annually to January 1 and July 1, and contains all information applicants need concerning the filing of applications and the examinations mentioned therein. The January edition contains a schedule of spring examinations and the July edition contains a schedule of fall examinations. Many examinations not mentioned in the manual are announced from time to time as eligibles are needed. Such examinations are usually of a technical, scientific or pro-fessional character or of unusual requirements. Persons wishing to compete in any of these examinations should write to the

commission, indicating the character of the examination desired. The commission frequently receives letters from different parts of the country inclosing advertisements of individuals and bureaus claiming to have special infor-mation of value to applicants and special facilities in preparing them for civil service examinations.

The writers of these letters inquire Rev. C. O. Johnston of Toronto, Canada, spoke on "His Conquering Kingdom," and Bishop John M. Walden discussed "My Place in the Army." Rev. George J. Bishop of London, Canada led the waiting hour. One of the finest gatherings of the convention, was the mark meeting.

whether, in the opinion of the commission, the claims of these individuals and bureaus are genuine or not. As to these inquiries, the information relative to applications and examination relative to applications and weeks. Most of the stitings of the senate were of an hour's duration and were held individuals and bureaus is based on this manual or other information which may be obtained from the commission, all of but a quorum was frequently lacking. Both

gest, without cost. state and territory except Alaska.

Appointments to federal positions in Porto Rico and Hawaii are made on the same basis as those in the states and

other territories. With the exception of a very few federal positions in the Philippines, appointto government positions in the ment to government positions in those is-lands is made in accordance with the Philippine civil service act.

CUBAN CONGRESS ADJOURNS. Had Been in Continuous Session Since May 20, 1902.

A dispatch from Havana yesterday says Congress adjourned sine die Saturday after an almost continuous session since the inauguration of the Cuban republic. May 20, 1902. One of the final acts of the senate was the ratification of the postal treat; with the United States, and an act was passed, also, providing for the adherence of the republic to the universal postal union. The permanent Platt amendment treaty was not acted upon. A report recommending its unreserved ratification had been prepared, but was not completed in time to be considered either in committee or by the Vsenate. The senatorial leaders informed President Palma that it had been agreed that there was no need for crowding the ratification of the treaty into the last evening session, since its provisions, in their present shape as parts of the constitution, are as effective as they would be were it ratified. In the house of represen-tatives the agreement to adjourn was not reached until yesterday afternoon, and no quorum was present at the night sitting. Deducting the two months' brief recesses which had been taken, the sessions of the house lasted a year, though not much legislation was enacted until the last few weeks. Most of the sittings of the senate

open next November. Among these are the electoral law, under which elections for half the members of the house will be held in December. The republican majority in the senate shelved the bill because the na-tionalists in the house insisted on the provision for minority representation in cer-tain districts. The bill for the organization of municipal governments was passed by the house too late for the senate to act

for from two to five hours.

While considerable legislation has been

accomplished several important bills have

upon it. Municipal elections, however, were not contemplated until May 31 next. bill intended to eliminate the obnoxious provincial taxes by giving the provinces federal support was passed by the senate, but shelved by the house. The government's expense budget was not acted upon by either body, but ample executive authority is provided for all expenditure. What is considered the most important legislation enacted during the session is that covering the proposed loan of \$35,000.000, and the process of auditing and pay-

ing the claims of the revolutionary diers, all of which has been carefully con-sidered and thoroughly provided for. Considerable confusion attended the adjournment of congress. The senate, it appears, adjourned without notifying the house of its action. The latter later sent to the senate a resolution providing for the extension of the president's authority in the matter of the proposed loan by empowering the executive to accept any proposi-tion for securing the loan, whether through advertisement or through the loan commis sion. The vice president refused to resun mon the senators, and Senor Portuondo the speaker of the house, will ask Pres! dent Palma to call a special session of the

DEPARTMENT HOURS. Secretary Root Makes a Statement of

senate to act on the resolution. •

His Views. In order to explain his position with regard to the hours of labor in the executive departments Secretary Root has filed the following memorandum on the subject with house on 9th street.

the senate and the house latterly met daily the chief clerk of the War Department: "I am not satisfied that the public holf days declared by law or executive order, which constitute the exception to the regone over to the next session, which will quirement of seven hours' labor from the clerks of the executive departments, prescribed in the act of March 15, 1898, are to be deemed to include holidays provided for the people of the District of Columbia by Congress acting in its capacity as a local legislature for the District. It seems to me rather that Congress is in that statate referring to public holidays declared by law or executive order for the public employes of the United States when dealing with that subject, as both Congress and the executive have dealt with it. I suppose that in fact the provision made by Congress in the civil code of the District for a Saturday half holiday was made without any actual intention on the part of Congress to affect the hours of labor of government employment. Congress evidently did not have that object in mind, and was not intending to legislate in regard to it. The committees in charge of that subject did not consider the change and it was not once mentioned in debate. Under these circumstances it is doubtful, at least, if the Secretary of War is relieved from the obligation imposed by the act of March 15, 1898, to require seven hours' labor on Saturdays. There is no doubt whatever that he has lawful authority to require that number of hours' service and as there is doubt of his authority to permit less than that, I shall feel bound to continue the seven hour requirement pending a decision by the Attorney General, to whom the question will be referred."

> Dies Before Physician Reaches Him. Daniel Keith, colored, forty-seven years old, was taken suddenly ill Saturday night at his home, 518 1st street northwest. Dr. Jack was summoned, but the patient died before he reached the house. Coroner Nevitt investigated the man's death and gave

E. S. Moorman, thirty years old, was given surgical treatment at the Emergency Hospital Saturday night. He accidentally fell and cut his nose while in a business